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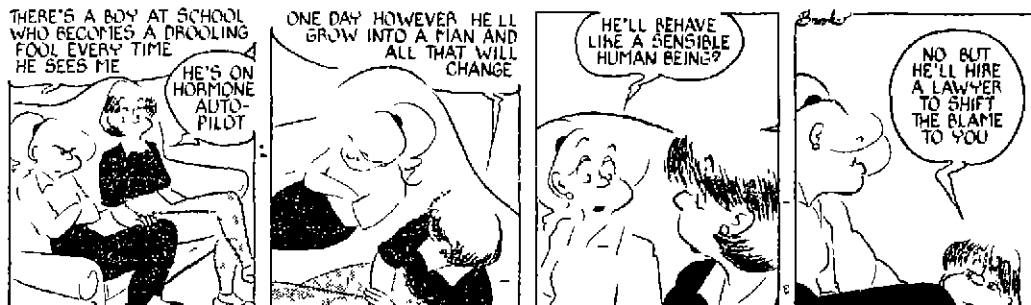
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



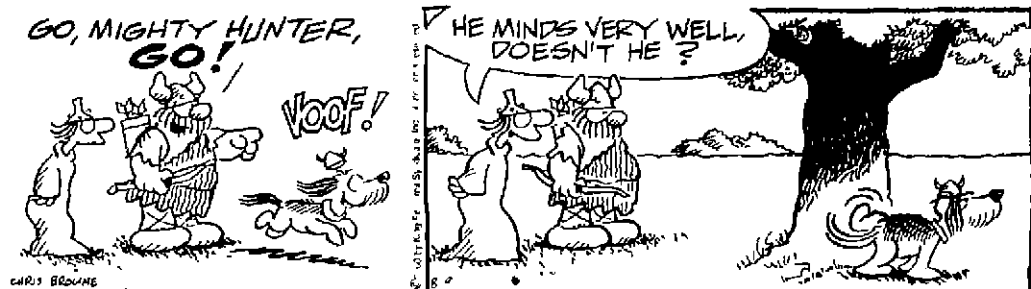
JUMP START



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



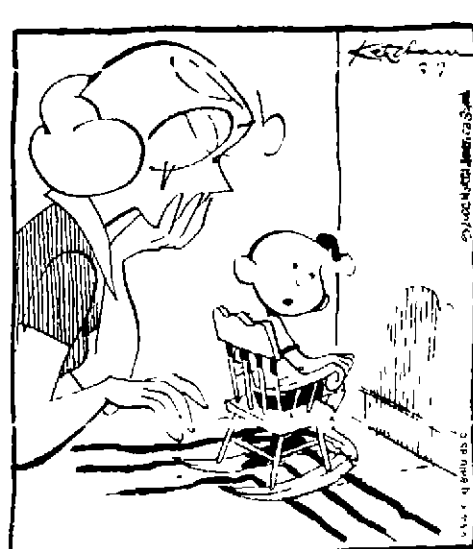
MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



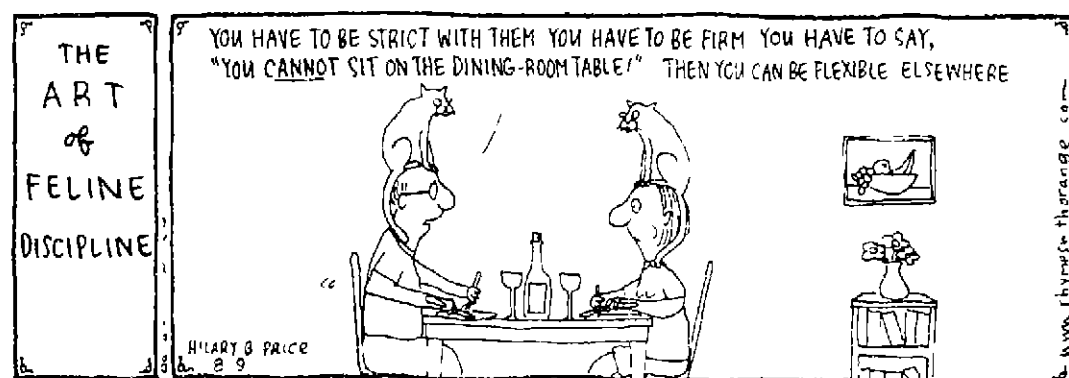
DENNIS THE MENACE



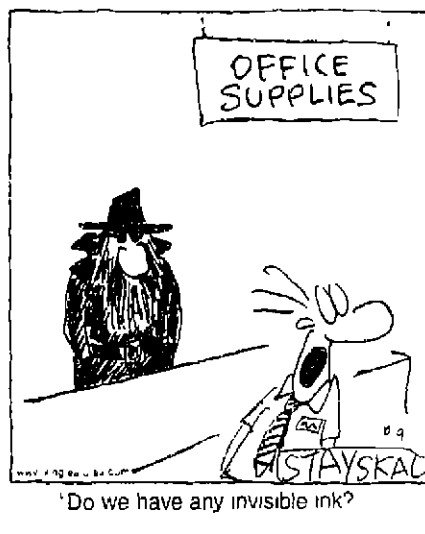
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



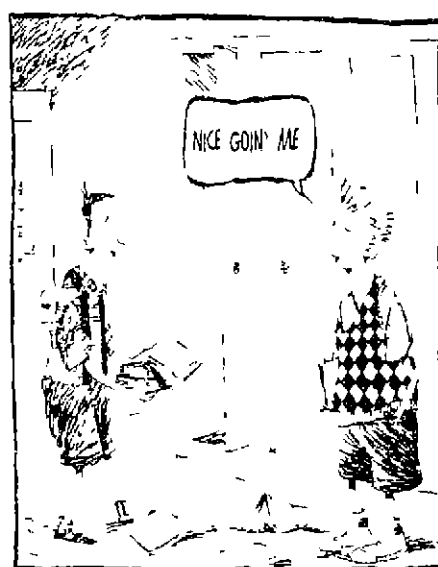
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Country singer-songwriter Merle Kilgore is 66. R&B singer Billy Henderson (The Spinners) is 61. Jazz musician Jack DeJohnette is 58. Comedian director David Steinberg is 58. Actor Sam Elliott is 56. Boxing Hall of Famer Ken Norton is 55. Singer Barbara Mason is 53. Rock singer Benjamin Orr (The Cars) is 45. Actress Melanie Griffith is 43. Actress Amanda Bearse is 42.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 125-135
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 20-letter word from the letters in the racks below. Use each letter only once. Bonus words are indicated by a star.

CLUE: A 20-letter word that JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

For solution, see Classified

HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Aug. 10

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A burst of enthusiasm will give a personal or professional project a much-needed jump start.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While you might feel unappreciated by those close to you, a stranger will make you feel most charming.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An unexpected event may cause ripples on the domestic front.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Try not to feel guilty about a situation that you know is really beyond your control.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Don't let a minor personal conflict spoil a pleasant celebration.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Try to face an annoying adversary patiently, calmly and methodically.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You will find yourself playing the optimist in an intellectual debate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Perseverance is the name of the game.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You suddenly find yourself with a new focus, along with the resources to put your plans into action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) If you're finding your career path slightly frustrating, think about why you have chosen to do what you're doing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Vision and daring are what's needed to gain the attention you so crave.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If you feel unjustly treated by an authority figure, don't hesitate to speak your mind.

WORD SLEUTH

MIGHT SAVE YOUR LIFE

STQOMJHFMCA YWRN
DUSRPNLJRH PFEOD
BREZXVTRA OASITQ
OTA OBEFILNRTMCM
KFTUIHFIAUADEOP
BIBZGYCMNMHDDU
WREVRERSEPEFILK
VELTMPFORLDQCOC
NMTARLFIMKIIHE
FANODNCELACZNXH
WNCDIATSRIFVEUC

Tuesday's unlisted clue: VIDALIA

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions: forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: HEAD PROTECTION

Alarm	Fireman	Life preserver	Paramedic
Checkup	First aid	Lifeguard	Policeman
Corpsman	Information	Medicine	Seat belt
Doctor	Lifeguard	Nurse	

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N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0628

ACROSS

1 Diploma word

4 Gives the double-O

9 Hockey's Moroz

14 ... roll

15 See 8-Down

16 Intercontinental range

17 Lennox Lewis org

18 Easy golf shot

19 Infamous motel owner

20 It begins with H

23 Jack of "Rio Lobo"

24 Start of a MacArthur quote

25 They have Xings

28 Ritardando under

30 Howard of "Gone With the Wind"

32 Snugglers

36 Barfly's binge

37 "Sic semper tyrannis!" orator

42 Harlem rooms

43 1976 uprising site

44 Balm of (fragrant resin)

47 "The Bourne Identity" author

51 ... Cone

52 Like a virgin?

55 No. 1 Rachel's college

57 Classic detection device

60 TV host Gibbons

62 Part of a magician's incantation

63 Ows

64 Kind of circle

65 Rich desert

66 Havana residue

67 Like Dennis the Menace

68 Make at

69 Juan Carlos e.g.

DOWN

1 Black-eyed legume

2 Release in a way

3 Girdon of Oklahoma!

4 Prefix with -pod

5 Showy rises

6 ... lazuli

7 Segal or Fromm

8 With 15-Across a California county

9 Telescope name

10 Like the Sabin vaccine

11 Crushing defeat

12 ... de France

13 Non PC suffix

21 Vast

22 ... preceder

26 Quite a comedy

27 Genesis son

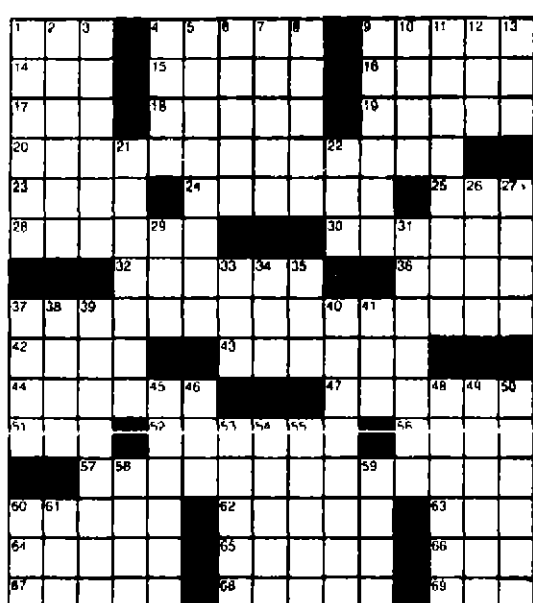
29 Nave bench

31 Substituted (for)

33 U.S. Open champ in 94 and 97

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AMID RIFTS EDGE
LIMO ONEUP WORN
LINAN MANNA EGAD
BIGSPENDERS SNL
AMI HOES SATIE
BANJOS FATCATS
ALEUT WAIT TRES
MUNETBAGS
STOP ODES RUDER
TYCOONS CAPITA
OPENS TERI LEI
NEA HIGHROLLERS
EDNA TERRA OMNI
RUIN CREEK OMAN
OPCA WEUD PALIS



Puzzle by Randy Bowen

34 MGM rival, once 35 Wrap (up)

37 Uses a treadmill, maybe

38 Valhalla V.I.P.

39 Column 7A of the 1920s

40 Good news for theater owners

41 Heat quantity meas

45 It's for the birds

46 B.S. e.g.

48 Mandrake's assistant

49 Disquiet

50 Soft and wet

53 Nasal dividers

54 Cavalry unit

55 Capital of Ghana

61 Ethyl ending

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